

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : CHENG  
Application No. : Not Yet Assigned  
Filed : September 12, 2003  
Title : RETAINING END OF SHOELACE  
Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned  
Docket No. : BHT-3125-165

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: